



# Important Changes for Child Support

## Federal Law now requires one place for handling child support payments

To meet these requirements, payments will be handled by a new office called the California State Disbursement Unit (SDU). Child support services will still be provided by your local child support office. The SDU will be responsible for collecting and sending child support payments.

### Changes For People Who Pay Child Support:

- Pay support via the Internet using a credit card or electronic transfer
- Pay support by phone using a credit card or electronic transfer
- If your support payments are withheld by your employer, they will be posted to your account when received at the SDU
- If you pay support directly to the Local Child Support Agency, your payment must be received by the 20th of each month

### Changes For People Who Receive Child Support:

- Support payments will be sent from the new central location (SDU)
- Support checks will look different (see example below)
- You can sign up for:
  - ✓ Direct Deposit into your bank account
  - ✓ Electronic Payment Card - use this at any ATM or store for cash or purchases (available June 2006)



If you have questions, contact your Local Child Support Agency  
OR  
[www.childsup.ca.gov](http://www.childsup.ca.gov)